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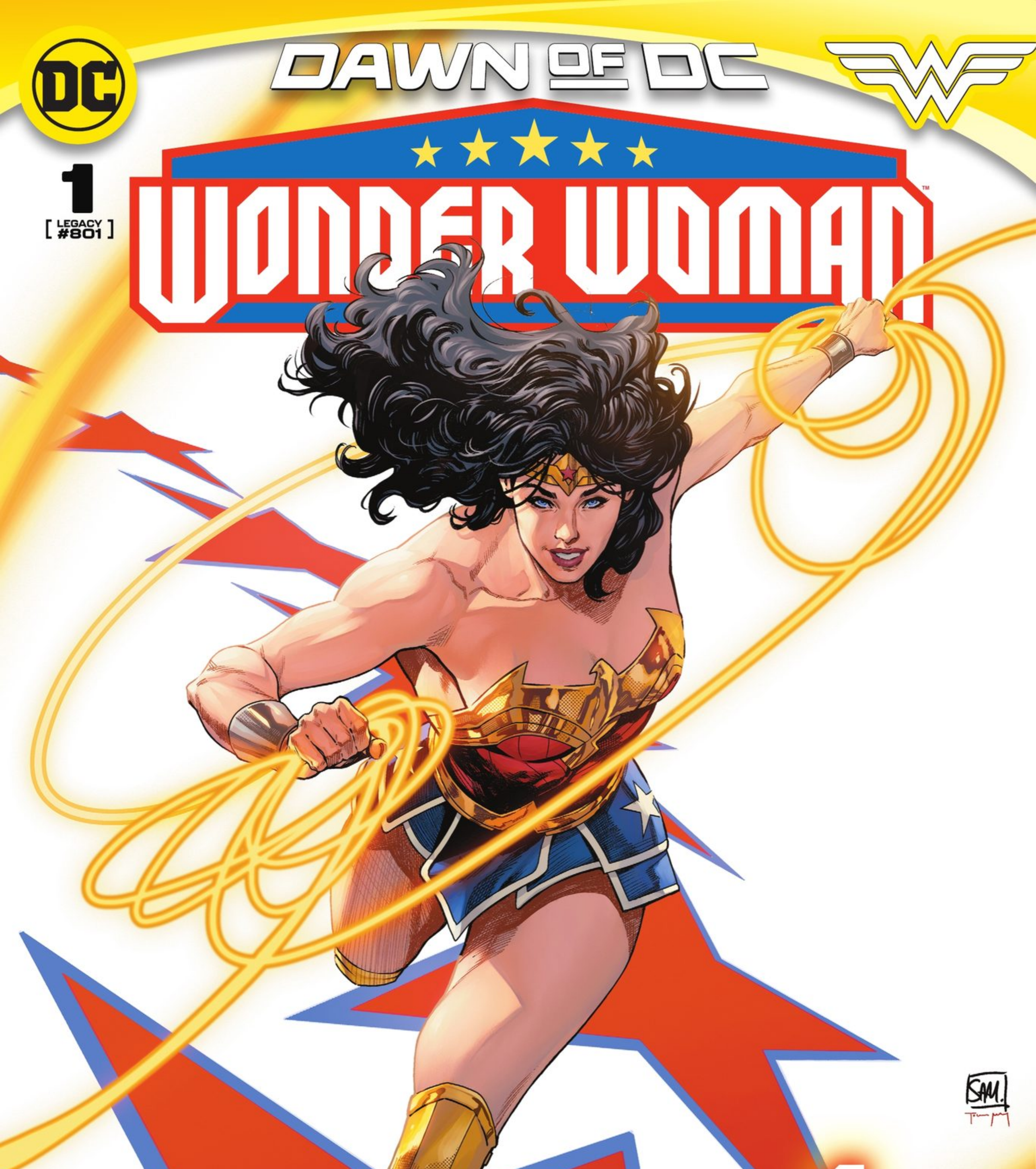

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13+ TEEN

A NEW ERA BEGINS

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DAWN OF DC

MONTHLY STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

THE FLASH #1

WALLY WEST RACES TOWARDS NEW WORLDS, MYSTERIOUS ALLIES, AND MIND-SHATTERING THREATS!

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FORGING THE FUTURE ONE HERO AT A TIME

THIS IS THE STORY OF HOW SHE DEFEATED US.

ADMITTEDLY, IT TOUCHES UPON A NUMBER OF OTHER PERTINENT THEMES.

YOU. YOU DID THAT?!

POWER, BETRAYAL, LOYALTY, MEN, WOMEN, FAMILY, LOVE, LOSS.

THE LIES WE PICK THAT EVENTUALLY RIPEN, THEN ROT.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE @#$@ YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, LADY.

YOU *TOUCHED* ME. WHEN I WAS TAKING THE SHOT.

ALL OF WHICH IS SECONDARY NEXT TO OUR HUMILIATION AT HER DAINTY HANDS.

LOOK, ***BEAUTIFUL***, YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. JUST PLAY YOUR @#%@&@$ GAME. WE'RE ***ALL*** TRYING TO HAVE FUN.

DID I ***ASK*** YOU TO ***TOUCH*** ME?

BUT THAT WAS AT THE END.

OH HONEY, THE WAY ***YOU*** CURVE, YOU DON'T ***HAVE*** TO ASK.

IN THE BEGINNING, WE WERE ***SOVEREIGN***, LORD OF THE ROCKIES, DEFENDER OF THE COASTS, HIGH EMPEROR OF COLUMBIA.

@$%@! WHAT...WHAT ARE YOU ***DOING?!***

AND SHE...

IS IT ***SO*** HARD FOR YOU TO SEE? I AM ONLY DOING WHAT ***YOU*** HAVE DONE.

BLACK

GNNN!

I AM TOUCHING YOU.

SHE WAS BUT A PRINCESS.

FOREIGN-BORN.

IT IS RATHER INCONTESTABLE NOW, I SUPPOSE.

WHAT WENT WRONG.

EVEN FROM THAT FIRST DAY. AT THE POOL HALL.

WHAT WAS IT WE HAD THAT OLD ACTOR FELLOW SAY WHEN HE GOT HIMSELF INTO ALL THAT NICARAGUAN TROUBLE?

NO. WHAT **ARE** YOU GOING TO DO?

NNNN.

YOU @$$@! GET THE @#@$% OFF HIM!

THAT'S MY @%@$ COUSIN, YOU @#%%! YOU KNOW WHAT WE'RE GOING TO *DO* TO YOU?!

CRACK!

MISTAKES WERE MADE.

YOU @$%#@%-UP #%@$#!

I DO NOT *LIKE* YOU.

YOU ARE NOT *GOOD* PEOPLE.

POOL TABLE

Bar

BEER

CLUB

STILL, YOU WILL FORGIVE US SOME PRIDE IN THE EFFORT, WON'T YOU?

JUST BECAUSE SHE TRIUMPHED, JUST BECAUSE IT ALL CAME OUT SO DREADFULLY, DOES NOT MEAN THERE IS NOT A SCRAP IN IT WE MIGHT APPRECIATE.

WE SUPPOSE THAT IS WHY WE ARE TALKING. WHY WE THINK YOU, YOUNG LADY, SHOULD HEAR THIS IN ITS ENTIRETY.

NOT BECAUSE WE NEED TO JUSTIFY WHAT WE DID. THE MURDERS. THE HORRORS.

WE BELIEVE THAT IS SELF-EVIDENT AND DOES NOT NEED HARPING UPON.

NO, WE WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE HONORED OUR **DUTY**. WE PUT THE ENTIRETY OF OURSELF INTO THE ENDEAVOR.

WE LEFT NOTHING ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE EXCEPT OUR BLOOD.

AND OUR GLORY.

AND WE DID IT, ALL OF IT...

...FOR OUR COUNTRY.

CRASH

FOR AMERICA.

WE HAVE REPORTS TONIGHT OF A **GRUESOME** SCENE AT KANIGHER'S CUES, A POOL HALL IN WEST BILLINGS.

AT LEAST **TEN** BELIEVED DEAD.

AND THAT NUMBER DOES APPEAR TO BE **RISING.**

TRAGEDY IN WEST BILLINGS

IT HAS BEEN **CONFIRMED** THERE WERE ONLY TWO SURVIVORS.

THEY HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS **MARIE CAREY** AND **NORA SHERIDAN,** WHO WERE **UNTOUCHED** BY THE PERPETRATOR. THEY WERE THE **ONLY** WOMEN IN THE HALL.

IT **APPEARS,** AND THIS HAS BEEN NOTED AS A POINT OF INTEREST BY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, ALL **NINETEEN** MURDER VICTIMS WERE **MEN.**

NINETEEN DEAD IN WEST BILLINGS MASSACRE

SEVEN DAYS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE KILLINGS.

AUTHORITIES TELL US THERE IS A SUSPECT AND THEY ARE WORKING TO IDENTIFY **HER.**

AND YES, WE CAN CONFIRM, THEY DID SAY **"HER."**

MURDERER STILL AT LARGE

LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS IDENTIFIED A MAIN SUSPECT IN THE MURDERS FROM A VIDEO RECORDING OF THE INCIDENT.

THE DESCRIPTION: A **WOMAN,** WITH A BROAD, MUSCULAR BUILD, ROUGHLY 6'4", WITH LONG BLOND HAIR.

THEY ARE **CONFIDENT,** THEY TELL US, THAT SHE **WILL,** AS THEY SAID, **"STICK OUT IN A CROWD."**

NEW DETAILS RELEASED

THE **AMAZONIAN** AMBASSADOR HAS NOW VERIFIED EARLIER REPORTING THAT THE MAIN SUSPECT IN THE MONTANA SLAYINGS IS AN **AMAZON** CITIZEN.

SHE WAS HERE ON A **WORK** VISA AND WAS ENGAGED IN CHARITABLE WORK WITH **INDIGENOUS** PEOPLE IN THE AREA.

THE EMBASSY **CLAIMS** THAT THEY HAVE HAD **NO** CONTACT WITH HER AND ARE AS IN THE DARK AS TO HER WHEREABOUTS AS **EVERYONE** ELSE IS.

DENTIFIED

THERE IS MORE SPECULATION TODAY IN **WASHINGTON** AS TO **WHAT** TO DO ABOUT THE "AMAZON SITUATION."

SOME PEOPLE ARE SAYING THAT YOU **CAN'T** VIEW THE POOL HALL SLAYINGS AS A ONE-TIME INCIDENT.

THAT THIS WAS, IN SOME WAY, AN **ATTACK** BY THE AMAZONS ON AMERICAN VALUES. SOME ARE INDEED USING THE WORD **TERRORISM.**

THE POINT BEING MADE OVER AND **OVER** BY PEOPLE IS THAT THERE WERE NO **WOMEN** KILLED AT THE HALL.

IS THERE A **SECRET** AGENDA TO THE AMAZONS? HAS PART OF THAT **AGENDA** BEEN REVEALED AT THE POOL HALL?

POOL HALL MEN MURDERS

TODAY'S SENATE HEARING WAS BOTH **BIPARTISAN** AND **VOCAL.**

THERE IS A **CONSENSUS** ON CAPITOL HILL THAT WE DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT THESE **AMAZONIANS** AND WHAT THEY **TRULY** WANT.

AND UNTIL **THAT** IS DETERMINED, THE SENATORS ARE SAYING, PEOPLE OF ALL GENDERS WILL NOT FEEL **SAFE** IN THEIR OWN HOMES.

THE PRESIDENT **HAS** MET WITH MAJORITY LEADER **TAYLOR** TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF **AMAZONS** IN AMERICA.

THE OUTCOME OF THESE TALKS IS **UNKNOWN** AT THIS TIME, BUT THE PRESIDENT IS EXPECTED TO ACT **SOON.**

MEANWHILE, THE **PERPETRATOR** OF THE BRUTAL POOL HALL SLAYINGS REMAINS **AT LARGE.**

AH CRAP.

LISTEN, FELLOWS, I'M **SORRY** TO DO IT, BUT I GOT TO **LEVEL** WITH YOU HERE.

I'M, WELL, I'M ACTUALLY **STILL** WORKING FOR THE FEDS. I **NEVER** EVEN LEFT, TO BE HONEST WITH YOU.

THIS WHOLE "SELLING STATE SECRETS" **RODEO** I COOKED UP WAS JUST A **PRETEND** TO LURE YOU ALL OUT IN THE OPEN.

WHAT?

SEE, WE KNOW WHAT YOU **DONE,** WITH ALL THE FERRETING OUT OF OUR **UNDERCOVERS** OVERSEAS, LEADING TO THE DEATHS OF SOME **DAMN** GOOD PEOPLE.

AND **I** WAS TASKED WITH **FINDING** YOU, MAKING **FRIENDS** WITH YOU, GETTING YOU TO **TRUST** ME, TAKING YOU SOMEPLACE **QUIET,** AND...

...AH, HECK, **YOU** KNOW HOW IT IS, PUTTING YOU IN YOUR **GRAVES** AND ALL THAT **RIGMAROLE.**

I HAD A **WHOLE** PLAN. IT WAS GOING TO TAKE A GOOD PART OF A **MONTH.** BUT...I JUST GOT A **TEXT.**

THEY SAY I GOT TO REPORT **ASAP** TO LEAD SOME NEW TASK FORCE TO DEAL WITH THIS **BIG LADY** SITUATION YOU PROBABLY HEARD ABOUT ON THE **TV.**

SO...I **SUPPOSE** I NEED TO ADJUST MY **STRATEGY** SOME.

WE INSISTED THAT HE BE HIRED.

BANG

IT IS VITAL THAT ONE RECOGNIZES ONE'S MOST ACCOMPLISHED SUBJECTS, AND WE HAD BEEN FOLLOWING HIS WORK THROUGHOUT HIS STORIED CAREER.

BANG

BORN TO THE DIRT IN LUBBOCK, TEXAS. WORKED HIS WAY TO WEST POINT. TOP OF HIS CLASS.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN THE SPECIAL FORCES IN A NUMBER OF WAR ZONES, WHERE HE SHOWED A KNACK FOR KILLING AND TAKING ORDERS.

TIME SPENT AS A P.I., WHERE HE SHOWED A KNACK FOR NOT KNOWING WHAT TO DO WHEN HE WASN'T KILLING AND TAKING ORDERS.

RECRUITED INTO THE CIA. RAN OPS. A FEW CLEAN. A LOT MORE DIRTY. A PATRIOT WHO UNDERSTOOD THE PROPER VALUE OF ENDS AND MEANS.

EVENTUALLY COMMANDED SEVERAL INTEL DIVISIONS. WORKED EXTENSIVELY WITH AND AGAINST THE SUPERHERO COMMUNITY.

A RIVAL TO **WALLER** WHO NONETHELESS EARNED HER RESPECT. AND WE WOULD NEED TO WORK WITH **WALLER** ON ALL OF THIS.

MOST VITAL FOR OUR PURPOSES, HE WAS HUMILIATED DURING THE ATTACK OF THE AMAZONS ON OUR COUNTRY SOME YEARS PRIOR.

HEY, PAL.

COPS'LL BE HERE ***PRETTY*** SOON ASKING ALL SORTS OF ***TRICKY*** QUESTIONS.

DON'T LET THAT WORRY ***YOU*** NONE. YOU JUST GIVE THEM ***THIS.***

THEY'LL MAKE SOME ***CALLS,*** THEN THEY'LL CLEAN UP THIS ***MESS,*** AND LEAVE ***YOU*** RIGHT ALONE.

SGT. STEEL

AND HE BLAMED THAT DISGRACE ON **HER.**

THANK YOU, AND YOU HAVE A GOOD DAY NOW.

WHAT DOES IT *MEAN?*

I DON'T KNOW. IT'S NOT GOING *AWAY.*

YOU DON'T GET A GUY LIKE *STEEL* TO PUSH PAPER. PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GET *HURT.*

IT IS JUST *CONFUSION.*

I *CAN* STOP IT.

PEOPLE PUT THEIR HANDS *OVER* THEIR EYES AND SAY THEY WERE *BORN* BLIND.

YOU CAN'T THROW A *ROPE* AROUND THE WHOLE COUNTRY.

IF THEY CALL FOR HELP, *STEVEN...*

...WILL *YOU* GO?

LOOK, I'M NOT **AGAINST** THESE PEOPLE. PEOPLE ARE **PEOPLE**, Y'KNOW?

LET ME TELL YOU, MY **DAUGHTER** HERE DRESSED AS **WONDER WOMAN** FOR HALLOWEEN **THIS** YEAR.

DIDN'T YOU, HON?

I LOVE **WONDER WOMAN!**

THE POLITICIANS TOOK TO THEIR PULPITS AND HOWLED.

BUT **EVERYONE** KNOWS THESE PEOPLE GOT A WAY THAT ISN'T AT ALL **AMERICAN.**

THEY JUST THINK THAT **ONE** KIND OF PERSON IS **BETTER** THAN ANOTHER. AND THAT MEANS THEY **HATE** THE OTHER KIND.

AND WITH THIS **THING**, YOU SEE WHAT THEY **REALLY** WANT. LIKE IT'S A FORM OF **GENOCIDE**, IF YOU KNOW THE TRUTH.

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PING! PING!

WE NEED TO TAKE ACTION, THEY SAID. NOW, THEY SAID. BEFORE ANYONE GETS HURT, THEY SAID.

THESE **AMAZONS** WANT TO PUSH US OUT OF OUR **OWN** COUNTRY.

THEY WANT A WORLD LIKE THEIR **ISLAND**, WHERE EVERYTHING IS LIKE...LIKE THERE'S NO ROOM THERE FOR **REAL** FAMILIES.

HELL, I MEAN, OPEN YOUR EYES! NOT A **MAN** THERE, AND THEY CALL THE DAMN PLACE **PARADISE!**

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I AM **WONDER WOMAN!**

WE NEED TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN, THEY SAID.

I'M JUST SAYING WHAT **EVERY** DUDE IS SAYING.

WE GOT TO DO **SOMETHING** BEFORE THEY WIPE US ALL OUT.

knock knock

CONGRESS SOON PASSED THE AMAZON SAFETY ACT. IT WAS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT, THEN OURSELF, THEN READ INTO LAW.

AMAZONS WERE NOW BANNED FROM U.S. SOIL UNTIL A DETERMINATION COULD BE MADE ABOUT THE THREAT THEY POSED TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

THE AMAZON EMBASSY IN D.C. WAS SHUTTERED AS THE DOZENS OF DIPLOMATS AND SPIES WERE CALLED HOME.

THROUGHOUT THE FIFTY STATES, MOST OF THE AMAZONS WHO HAD BEEN LIVING HERE FOR VARIOUS REASONS BEGAN TO EXIT PEACEFULLY.

SOME, HOWEVER, FOUND EXCUSES TO STAY.

YES?

IS THERE SOMETHING I CAN ***HELP*** YOU WITH?

FOR THOSE UNLAWFUL STRAGGLERS, THE PRESIDENT FORMED THE AMAZON EXTRADITION ENTITY.

A.X.E.

HELLO THERE, ***CYBELE,*** MY NAME IS ***SARGENT STEEL.*** YOU CAN CALL ME ***SARGE,*** IF YOU'D LIKE. MOST DO.

I'M HERE TO LOAD YOU ***AND*** YOUR WIFE INTO MY ***TRUCK*** OUT THERE, DRIVE YOU TO A ***BOAT*** WE GOT WAITING, AND SEND YOU ALL ON YOUR WAY ***HOME.***

I'D ***APPRECIATE*** IT IF YOU'D CHOOSE TO COME WITH US IN A POLITE AND ***OBEDIENT*** FASHION.

BUT IF THAT DON'T ***SUIT*** YOU, ME AND MY MEN HERE CAN CERTAINLY ACCOMMODATE ANY ***OTHER*** CHOICE YOU MAY NOW BE CONSIDERING.

SHE FOUGHT ALL OF THIS, DEPLOYING HER HEROIC FRIENDS TO OBJECT WHEREVER THEY MIGHT BE HEARD.

YOU DON'T... WE HAVE A **DAUGHTER.** SHE WAS BORN HERE. SHE GOES TO **SCHOOL** HERE. WE'RE LOOKING INTO WAYS WE **CAN** STAY.

WE'RE TALKING TO A **LAWYER** NOW.

IT WAS AS NOBLE AS IT WAS FUTILE.

YES, MA'AM, WE ARE INDEED **AWARE** OF YOUR SITUATION, YOUR QUOTE-UNQUOTE "ADOPTED **DAUGHTER.**"

PER CURRENT REGULATIONS, WE WILL BE TAKING THE YOUNG LADY WITH US INTO WHAT I ASSURE YOU WILL BE A **COMFORTABLE** ENVIRONMENT.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT **THAT,** YOU ARE FREE TO CONTACT THE GOVERNMENT ONCE YOU **LEAVE** U.S. TERRITORY.

THE PEOPLE CRIED BACK IN THEIR PRETTY FACES: THIS ISN'T ABOUT YOU, SUPERHERO.

YOU THINK YOU...

WHO ARE **YOU** COMING TO MY DOOR, TO... WHO THE HELL ARE **YOU?!**

THIS IS ABOUT **REGULAR** PEOPLE FEELING SECURE.

OH. I'M SORRY IF THERE'S BEEN SOME **CONFUSION.** THAT'S **MY** FAULT ENTIRELY.

WHO ARE **WE** TO TELL **YOU** WHAT'S HAPPENING? THAT'S YOUR **QUESTION,** RIGHT?

WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN THAT?

WELL, WE'RE THE **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,** MA'AM.

GREATEST COUNTRY ON THIS **EARTH.**

SHE DID NOT GIVE IN. SHE ORGANIZED PROTESTS, SIT-INS, MARCHES.

SARGE!

FOR PARADISE!

EVERY DAY, FOLLOWING HER LEAD, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF WOMEN AND MEN SHOUTED TO THEIR SUPPOSEDLY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES ABOUT HOW UNFAIR IT ALL WAS.

NYX, NO!

AH, AIN'T THAT A SHAME.

SO MANY INTERVIEWS WERE GIVEN, AND SO MANY PROMISES WERE MADE, AND SO MANY QUESTIONS WERE ANSWERED.

FORCE **SIX** AUTHORIZED.

EXECUTE ON MY MARK.

MARK.

EVERYONE, AND WE EMPHASIZE **EVERYONE**, WITNESSED HER MAGNIFICENT FIGHT.

WE USED TO GET TOGETHER WITH SOME CONGRESSMEN AT HAWK AND DOVE ON THE HILL AND WE'D WATCH HER LATEST DIATRIBE ON THE EVENING NEWS.

SHE'D TALK ABOUT WHERE SHE CAME FROM.

NO.

MOMMY! WHAT WAS THAT?!

HOW'D SHE'D DEFIED HER OWN PEOPLE, HER OWN QUEEN, HER OWN MOTHER TO COME TO OUR SHORES. TO HELP OUR PEOPLE.

WOOO. AIN'T *THAT* SOMETHING?

WE GOT THESE NEW ***FROUFROU*** BULLETS. CUT RIGHT THROUGH THAT ***AMAZON*** STEEL.

DAMN. NOT TOO ***SHABBY***, HUH?

SHE'D SERVED THIS COUNTRY. SHE'D **SAVED** THIS COUNTRY.

ANYWAY... UH, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

YOU WANT TO ***TELL*** YOUR LITTLE GIRL THERE YOU WON'T BE SEEING HER FOR ***SOME*** TIME?

OR YOU WANT ***ME*** TO DO IT WHILE MY MEN ARE TOSSING YOUR ***BODY*** IN THE BACK OF THE TRUCK?

AND ALL THOSE TIMES SHE FOUGHT FOR US, SHE FOUGHT WITH PRIDE AS AN AMAZON.

MOMMY, YOU HEAR THAT ***NOISE***?!

WHO ARE ***THEY***?! I DON'T GET IT. WHAT'S GOING ON?

IS THAT... MOMMY...

GOD, HOW IT MADE US LAUGH.

MOMMY!

SENATOR, WE'VE HEARD OF MOTHERS BEING SEPARATED FROM THEIR CHILDREN, WOMEN BEING **KILLED** WHEN ATTEMPTING TO STAY. THE AMAZONS HAVE REGISTERED PROTESTS AT THE U.N.

YOU'VE SAID WE'RE HAVING AN "ORDERLY" EVACUATION.

IS THIS REALLY WHAT **ANYONE** WOULD CALL "**ORDERLY**" AT THIS POINT?

JERRY, YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THAT EVERYONE HEARS **EVERYTHING** THESE DAYS.

IF YOU BELIEVED ALL OF **SOCIAL MEDIA**, YOU'D THINK THE COUNTRY WAS RUN BY A **SECRET KING** OR SOMETHING.

BUT HERE ARE THE **ACTUAL** FACTS THAT ARE GETTING LOST IN THAT STREAM OF...WELL, WE ALL KNOW **WHAT** KIND OF STREAM IT IS, **DON'T** WE?

"**FACT ONE**, IN MY HOME STATE THERE WAS A **TERRORIST** ATTACK AND NINETEEN **MEN** ARE DEAD.

"WE HAVE **ASKED** THE AMAZONS FOR AN EXPLANATION OF WHAT HAPPENED, AND THEY HAVE HEMMED AND HAWED, BUT THEY'VE TOLD US **NOTHING**.

"**FACT TWO**, THE AMAZONS ARE A DISTAFF **MONARCHY**.

"THEY ARE A SOCIETY THAT **REJECTS** AMERICAN NOTIONS OF EQUALITY AND DEMOCRACY. **THEIR** VALUES ARE NOT **OUR** VALUES.

"**FACT THREE**, WE **INVITED** THEM IN. THEY ARE OUR **GUESTS**.

"AND AS WITH ANY GUEST IN YOUR HOME, WE HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO **ASK** THEM TO LEAVE.

"THAT'S JUST **COMMON SENSE**.

"**FACT FOUR**, WE PASSED A **LAW** TO GIVE US SPACE TO FIND OUT **WHAT** IS GOING ON.

"TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS SECRET **WAR ON MEN** WE'VE ALL HEARD ABOUT IS JUST A RUMOR AND NOT WHAT IT APPEARS TO BE FROM WHAT HAPPENED, AGAIN, IN MY STATE.

"**FACT FIVE**, NOW, AT **THIS** MOMENT, PEOPLE WHO **DEFY** THAT LAW ARE, OBVIOUSLY, COMMITTING CRIMES HERE ON **OUR** SOIL.

"AND WE HAVE **EVERY** RIGHT TO ENFORCE THAT LAW.

WHAT I'VE JUST LISTED ARE THE FACTS THAT **BIND** US TO OUR ACTIONS TODAY.

NO ONE **WANTS** TO BE CRUEL, EVER--THAT'S NOT ACCEPT-ABLE. I WILL NOT **HEAR** OF CRUELTY AND I WILL WORK MY **BUTT** OFF TO STOP IT.

BUT LAWS ARE **LAWS**, AND WE, AND THEY, HAVE TO **OBEY** THEM. OR FACE THE **CONSEQUENCES**.

I UNDERSTAND ALL THAT, **SENATOR**, BUT LET ME **ASK** YOU...

...WHAT DO YOU SEE AS **WONDER WOMAN'S** ROLE IN ALL OF THIS?

THE AMAZONS ARE AN OLD PEOPLE. THEY HAVE SURVIVED MANY A WAR.

AND *HER* RESPONSE, AMBASSADOR?

THEY UNDERSTAND THEIR ENEMIES' STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES. WHEN TO INVADE AND WHEN TO RETREAT.

SHE...SHE DID NOT SAY ***ANYTHING***, MY LIEGE.

I ***REPEATED*** YOUR DECREE. AMAZONS WERE TO ***LEAVE*** THE COUNTRY, ***UNITE*** AT THE ISLAND, AND CONSIDER OUR OPPORTUNITIES.

THEY HAD GREAT SHIELDS AND SOME PALTRY MAGIC.

WE HAD TANKS, JETS, AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

SHE KEPT HER ***SILENCE.***

THEY WEARILY, WISELY PULLED BACK AND WAITED FOR OUR NEXT MOVE.

ONLY AS I MADE TO LEAVE DID SHE ***SPEAK.***

SHE DREW HER ***SWORD*** AND GIFTED IT TO ME. SHE COMMANDED TO HAVE IT RETURNED TO ***YOUR*** HAND, OUR ***QUEEN.***

AS YOU WOULD ***HAVE*** ME DO, I INQUIRED AS TO WHY SHE WOULD ABANDON HER BLADE.

SHE, HOWEVER, DID NOT JOIN THEM.

THE ***PRINCESS*** SAID--

"IN WHAT I ***NOW*** DO, I MUST AVOID ***TEMPTATION.***"

WEEKS PASSED. A MONTH.

EVERYONE SEEMED TO BE HOLDING THEIR BREATH.

YOU KNOW, *GIRL*, YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE.

WAITING.

I WAS *NEAR*.

I HOPED TO GIVE MY *PRAYERS*.

FINALLY, STEEL FOUND HER IN THE SNOW.

FIRST YOU *KILL* THEM, THEN YOU *PRAY* OVER THEM.

I *RESPECT* THAT.

STILL DON'T MAKE IT *RIGHT*.

HE BROUGHT AN ARMY WITH HIM. BY THAT TIME THEY HAD CAPTURED AND/OR KILLED OVER THREE HUNDRED AMAZONS.

I DID NOT KILL THEM.

THEY WERE OLD VETERANS.

WELL, I MEAN YOUR *PEOPLE*.

BUT I IMAGINE YOU *PROBABLY* UNDERSTOOD THAT, DIDN'T YOU?

OF A BRAND-NEW WAR.

MY *SISTERS* HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS TRAGEDY.

THAT IS WHY *I* AM HERE. IN MONTANA. THERE ARE *LIES* HERE.

ARE THERE? WELL, THEN MAYBE WE SHOULD MOVE OUR TALK ON TO SOME *TRUTH*.

I GOT A WHOLE *LOAD* OF MY MEN SITUATED AROUND YOU. MEN WHO HAVE TAKEN MANY OF YOUR *SISTERS* TO PARADISE.

WHY DON'T YOU *LIE* DOWN IN THE SNOW AND LET THEM *TAKE* YOU TOO?

NO THANK YOU.

I DON'T WANT TO DO THIS THE WAY **YOU'RE** THINKING, GIRL.

HONESTLY, **SCOUT'S** HONOR, I'D JUST AS WELL HAVE THIS BE AS **SIMPLE** AS A, B, AND C.

YOU AND I **BOTH** UNDERSTAND WHAT **YOU'RE** CAPABLE OF.

AND I'M **FAIRLY** SURE BY THIS POINT, YOU AND I **BOTH** KNOW WHAT **I'M** CAPABLE OF.

GIRL, I'M TELLING YOU, THERE'S NO REASON FOR **RED** TO STAIN THIS SNOW.

YOU CALL ME **GIRL** BECAUSE YOU THINK I AM A FOOL.

BUT **I** AM THINKING, THOSE WHO THINK **GIRLS** ARE FOOLS ARE **FOOLS** THEMSELVES.

HAHA. ALL RIGHT, OKAY. **WOMAN...**

WHY DON'T WE SAY **THIS** IS THE LAST WARNING, THEN?

FOR THE **OFFICIAL** PERMANENT RECORD AND ALL **THAT.**

UNDER **HR 1037**, I HEREBY DECLARE **YOU** IN VIOLATION OF THE **AMAZON SAFETY ACT.**

I THEREFORE **ORDER** YOU TO PUT DOWN YOUR WEAPONS AND **SURRENDER.**

BLAM

NO THANK YOU.

plink

YOU DON'T *WANT* THIS.

I *NEVER* HAVE.

ALL RIGHT. YOU KNOW THE *DRILL*, FELLOWS.

LET'S GET IT *DONE* AND GET *HER* HOME.

YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND.

I AM HOME.

WE ENJOY HOW SHE FIGHTS.

IT IS RATHER DISTINCT FROM HER DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUES, ISN'T IT?

BATMAN AND HIS GADGETS.

GRAKK

SUPERMAN AND HIS STRENGTH.

RATTATATTA

plink

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THE FLASH, HIS SPEED. GREEN LANTERN, HIS RING. AQUAMAN, HIS FISH. THE MARTIAN, HIS DISGUISES. CANARY, HER VOICE. ON AND ON AND ON.

THEY ALL CLAIM TO BE SO VERY UNIQUE, BUT IT SEEMS TO ME AT SOME BASIC LEVEL THESE SUPERHEROES ARE ALL ACHINGLY SIMILAR.

DOWN, YOU IDIOTS!

DOWN!

THEY ARE SOLDIERS, PREDICTABLE, PRECISE, SYSTEMATIC, CLINGING TO THEIR WEAPONS, MECHANICALLY EXECUTING THEIR PLANS.

FWOOSH

BUT HER.

HER EVERY MOVEMENT IS FLUID, ORGANIC, ORIGINAL.

THE GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT IN DANCE VIOLENTLY IMPROVISED IN FRONT OF OUR EYES.

WE WANT TO STAND UP AND CHEER, BUT WE ARE TOO SHOCKED BY OUR OWN TEARS TO MOVE.

THOUGH SHE OBVIOUSLY HAS HONED HER SKILLS THROUGH TRAINING, IT IS NOT THE PRACTICE WE SEE WHEN SHE IS IN COMBAT.

NO, IT IS JUST THE WOMAN, THE **WONDER**, EXPRESSED FULLY AND COMPLETELY, WITHOUT DOUBT OR HESITATION.

WE DID NOT FEAR ANYONE. NEITHER MEN NOR GODS.

THE GOVERNMENT, BATMAN, SUPERMAN, THE JUSTICE LEAGUE.

NONE OF THEM COULD EVER HOPE TO TOUCH US.

BUT HER.

CRACK!

WE WERE BUFFOONS.

WE SHOULD HAVE FEARED HER.

YOU SEE.

THE REST OF THEM ARE SOLDIERS.

BUT SHE...

SHE IS AN ARTIST.

LET US TALK.

NOT SURE WHAT THERE'S TO SAY, **DARLING.**

YOU BROKE A PRETTY DAMN BIG **LAW** JUST BY BEING HERE.

YOU BROKE **EVERY** LAW BY FIGHTING.

I AM DOING WHAT ***YOU*** HAVE FAILED TO DO.

I AM LOOKING FOR ***EMELIE,*** THE WOMAN WHO HAS ***KILLED*** THE MEN.

I AM FINDING OUT ***WHY*** SHE HAS DONE THIS ***HORRIBLE*** THING.

I **DEFENDED** MYSELF.

AXE

EXCUSE **ME?** I GAVE YOU A **WARNING.** I GAVE YOU A CHANCE TO DO IT **PEACEFUL** LIKE.

YOUR BED IS MADE, **SWEETIE.** ALL THAT'S LEFT IS US PUTTING YOU DOWN TO LIE IN IT.

GOOD FOR YOU. BUT THAT THERE HAS GOT ABSOLUTELY NOTHING AT ALL TO DO WITH THIS. NOT **NOW,** NO.

THESE ARE **FEDERAL** AGENTS YOU JUST PUT YOUR HANDS ON.

YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WHEN THE GOOD GOVERNMENT FINDS OUT WHAT **YOU** DONE?

AND NOW THERE ARE TWO DOZEN **AMERICAN** FIGHTING MEN WITH HEAD WOUNDS AND BROKEN BONES **FELLED** IN THE SNOW.

YOU *SHOT* AT ME BEFORE I MOVED.

WHY ARE YOU *LYING*?

GOT *NO IDEA* WHAT YOU MEAN.

I CAME HERE WITH ALL MY, *HM*, WELL, *MEN*, COME TO *THINK* OF IT, AND *YOU* GOT AGGRESSIVE.

YOU KNOW, MAYBE THIS *DOES* HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH YOUR *GIRL* IN THE POOL HALL NOW THAT I PUT A STEADY *THINK* ON IT.

ASSASSIN.

WAS I *ATTACKING* THESE SOLDIERS WHEN YOU *SHOT* AT ME? WAS *THAT* WHY YOU PULLED YOUR TRIGGER?

NO.

JUST... FOLLOWED... ORDERS... GET... YOU... LINED... UP... THEN... HEADSHOT...

INTERESTING, ISN'T IT, *SERGEANT STEEL*?

I CANNOT HELP BUT *WONDER* WHAT *YOU* WILL SAY WHEN I WRAP THE ROPE AROUND *YOU*.

YOU @#%&!

THWAK

I DO NOT *LIKE* THAT WORD. YOU USE IT FOR *WOMEN*, AND IT IS NOT *GOOD*.

YOU ARE ASSIGNED TO *HURT* THE AMAZONS. I AM *OBLIGED* TO PROTECT THEM.

I *KNOW* THAT YOU AND I WILL MEET *MANY* TIMES IN THE FUTURE.

WHEN *THAT* HAPPENS, YES?

WHEN YOU COME TO ME AGAIN AND... WHAT YOU SAID...

...TRY TO PUT *ME* IN MY *MADE BED*.

NNNN--

CRACK

PLEASE, DO NOT USE *THAT* WORD.

IT *UPSETS* ME.

AND SO IT BEGAN.

Coffee

HOLY @#%&!

JUST AS WE HAD MAPPED OUT.

WHAT?

I FOLLOW THIS GUY. HE GETS SCOOPS OUT OF ***DOJ*** BEFORE THEY RELEASE THEM OR WHATEVER.

SAYS A PRESS RELEASE ***JUST*** WENT OUT. THEY'RE GOING TO ANNOUNCE AN ***ARREST*** WARRANT OUT ON ***WONDER WOMAN.***

LIKE IT'S ABOUT TO HIT.

US AGAINST HER.

NO, THEY ***CAN'T*** DO THAT. SHE'S, LIKE, AN ***AMERICAN*** HERO. NOT ***EVEN*** AMERICAN.

LIKE, ALL OVER THE ***WORLD*** AND THE UNIVERSE AND THE MULTIVERSE AND THE ***WHOLE*** THING.

I WORE ***WONDER WOMAN*** UNDEROOS. THEY CAN'T...NO. IT'S NOT... THAT'S ***NOT*** HAPPENING.

BZZZZ

BZZZZ

AMERICA VERSUS WONDER WOMAN.

THERE'S THE ***TIMES*** CONFIRMING IT. YOU GET THAT?

HOLY @#%&!

HE DID NOT HAVE *MUCH* TO SAY, YOUR MAN *STEEL.*

PLEASE, C'MON. HE'S NOT *MINE.* HE'S A GUY I KNOW.

YOU FIGHT ENOUGH FIGHTS, YOU GET TO KNOW *EVERYONE* WHO LIKES TO FIGHT.

HE IS ONLY FOLLOWING *ORDERS,* HE SAYS. HE DID NOT KNOW ABOUT *EMELIE* OR WHERE SHE WAS OR *WHY* SHE DID IT.

JUST A *LOYAL* SOLDIER, HE IS SAYING. DOING WHAT HE HAS BEEN *TOLD* TO DO.

LIKE *OTHER* SOLDIERS.

AH, *YES,* SO WHEN YOU SAID "YOUR MAN," YOU MEANT... *RIGHT.* SUBTLE.

YOU KNOW, *DIANA,* NOT *EVERY* SOLDIER IS *EVERY* SOLDIER.

ANY IDEA HOW *MANY* COURT-MARTIALS I'D GET JUST FOR THIS *WALK?*

THE ONLY *INTERESTING* THING HE HAD WAS WHEN I ASKED HIM *WHO* WAS GIVING THESE ORDERS TO DO THESE THINGS TO *MY* PEOPLE.

I THOUGHT HE'D SAY *GENERAL* SO-AND-SO OR MAYBE EVEN THE *PRESIDENT.*

INSTEAD HE SAID IT WAS ALL FROM A *MAN* HE HAD *NEVER* MET AND KNEW VERY LITTLE OF.

STEVE, HAVE YOU HEARD OF ANYONE CALLED *"THE SOVEREIGN"?*

THE SOVEREIGN IS, OF COURSE, NOT OUR NAME, BUT MERELY ONE OF OUR TITLES.

A TITLE CARRIED BY OUR FATHER AND HIS FATHER BEFORE HIM, AND HIS FATHER BEFORE HIM.

EXTENDING BACK TO THE FIRST OF OUR NAME WHO TRAVELED TO THESE SHORES WHEN HE WAS ONLY A YOUNG LORD STRIKING OUT FOR FORTUNE AND ADVENTURE.

IT WAS HE AND HIS MUSKET MEN WHO SLEW THE WOMEN TRIBES OF CENTRAL VIRGINIA, WHO RAZED THEIR VILLAGE, LEAVING NOT EVEN A CHILD BEHIND.

IT WAS HE WHO FOUND THE WEAPON IN THE ASHES OF THEIR TEMPLE, THEIR PRIESTESS'S BLACK, DEAD ARMS STILL CLUTCHING ONTO IT.

AND WITH THAT WEAPON, IT WAS HE WHO CONQUERED THIS MAGNIFICENT LAND, FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA.

HE WHO DISCOVERED THE KEY TO HOLDING THAT LAND: KEEPING OUR BIRTHRIGHT, OUR RULE SECRET FROM OUR OWN SUBJECTS.

HE SAW THE REVOLUTIONS, THE GUILLOTINES, AND SAW HOW ENLIGHTENED MEN DESPISED KNOWING THEY WERE IMPOTENT.

HE HAD THE INSIGHT THAT A POLITY THAT PRESUMED IT HAD THE POWER OF SELF-GOVERNMENT WOULD NEVER REBEL.

AND SO HE TOLD THEM ALL THAT THE LAWS THAT DICTATED THEIR LIVES, TODAY AND FOREVER AFTER, WERE OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, AND FOR THE PEOPLE.

AND BECAUSE THEIR SOVEREIGN HELD **THE LASSO OF LIES**, AMERICA BELIEVED.

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AN INTERESTING-- ALBEIT WINDY-- CHOICE FOR DINNER, CLARK.

I'M SORRY, ARE YOU COLD?

I'M GOOD. JUST WONDERING WHAT WE'RE DOING ALL THE WAY UP HERE.

WELL, IT HAS A LOT OF SIGNIFICANCE TO US. DON'T YOU THINK?

I MEAN, SURE. WE BOTH WORK FOR *THE PLANET*. WE'VE WON MULTIPLE JOURNALISM AWARDS--ME TWO MORE THAN YOU... WE'VE BOTH USED THE HELIPAD...

IT'S WHERE WE FIRST MET.

IS IT?

KIDDING. I REMEMBER IT CLEAR AS YESTERDAY. YOU STEPPING ON THE *HELIPAD TO INTRODUCE* YOURSELF.

THIS UNLIKELY COMBINATION OF TIMID, AWKWARD, AND... WELL, SUPER MANLY.

SUPERMAN-LY.

YOU LOOKED SO SOPHISTICATED AND WHIP-SMART. AND KIND OF INTIMIDATING. SO READY FOR WHATEVER THE WORLD THREW AT YOU.

I WAS IN AWE OF YOU, LOIS.

I DON'T THINK I WAS READY FOR YOU. CLARK OR SUPERMAN.

WHAT ABOUT NOW?

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CLARK?

RUMMBBLLEEE

"HE'S REALLY BURNING THE CANDLE AT BOTH ENDS, ISN'T HE..."

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TWELVE HOURS AGO.

I MEAN, THIS IS IMPRESSIVE. EVEN FOR HIM...

IT'S LIKE HE'S LITERALLY TRYING TO SAVE THE WHOLE WORLD AT ONCE.

MAKES YOU WONDER WHY HE DOESN'T GIVE SUPER-SUPER EFFORT ALL OF THE TIME.

IT'S NOT SUSTAINABLE, HAL...

BELIEVE ME, AS A GUY WHO CAN PRETTY MUCH BE TWO PLACES AT ONCE...NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU DO AND HOW HARD YOU TRY...YOU CAN'T DO IT ALL. THERE'S NEVER ENOUGH TIME.

NOT EVEN FOR THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE. THEN WHAT'S THE POINT?

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TO DO AS MUCH AS YOU CAN WITHOUT BURNING YOURSELF OUT. WHICH IS WHAT HE'S DOING.

YEAH, BUT WHY?

I JUST TOLD YOU--

HE'S ASKING LOIS TO MARRY HIM.

AND THEN THEY'RE GOING ON HIS FIRST VACATION IN... UM, EVER.

UNLESS SHE SAYS NO.

SO, YOU'RE FILLING IN FOR HIM WHILE HE'S GONE?

BECAUSE WHAT IS THE JUSTICE LEAGUE WITHOUT A MEGA-POWERFUL KRYPTONIAN UP ITS SLEEVE?

JEALOUS?

A LITTLE BIT.

SO, THAT THING KAL IS TRACKING IN METROPOLIS... IS THAT A--

SURE IS. THIS SHOULD BE GOOD.

TO BE CONTINUED IN JUSTICE LEAGUE VS. GODZILLA VS. KONG #1 ON SALE IN OCTOBER

DAWN OF DC

DC NATION SPOTLIGHT ON

THE FLASH

All year long, DC has reinvigorated its heroes and villains across the DC Universe with the Dawn of DC storytelling initiative—and Wally West gets in on the fun this September with *The Flash* #1 from the superstar team of writer Si Spurrier and artist Mike Deodato Jr., a fresh start for one of pop culture's most iconic heroes!

With this new era for *The Flash* comes new allies, new enemies, and mysterious new developments with Wally's connection to the Speed Force—along with a fresh take on classic villains like Mirror Master, as well as Wally's family unit of wife Linda Park and their super-powered twins, Jai and Irey.

That's a lot to get excited about—and to get *even more* excited, we opened up Deodato's sketchbook to see the comics legend's character designs for the new series.

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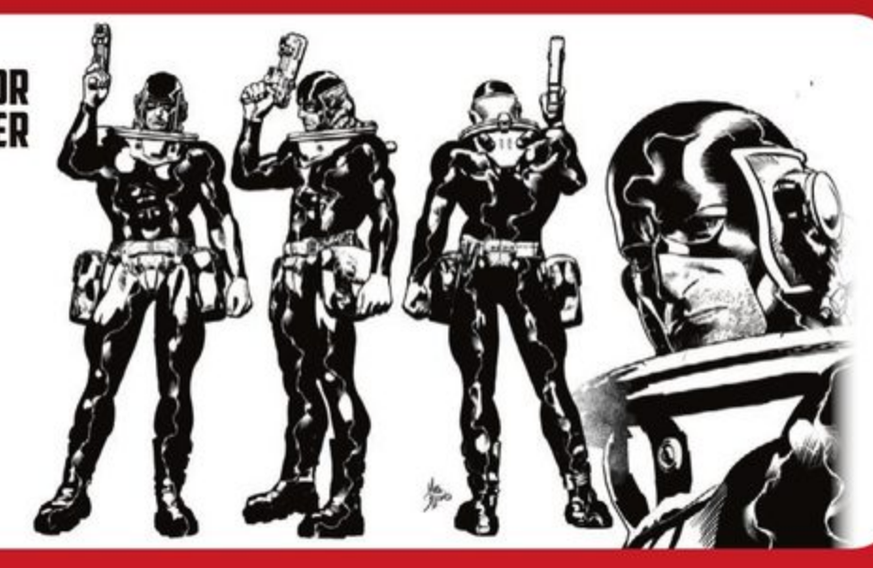
WALLY WEST

MIRROR MASTER



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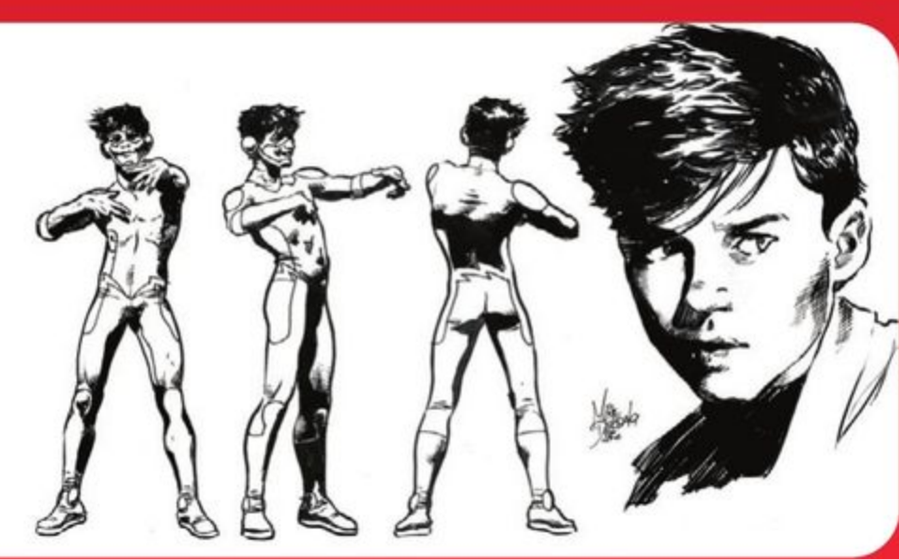

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